

ALSAI's Participation in the International Auditors' Meeting in Bern, organized by the Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO)

On 11–12 April, the International Auditors' Meeting was held in Bern, organized by the Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO).

During the opening remarks, the organizers presented papers on the organization, functioning and role of the Swiss Federal Audit Office as the country's supreme oversight authority. This was followed by an analysis by EUROSAI representatives on cooperation with internal audit, including an overview of the results, strategy analysis and cooperation report of the joint European Confederation of Institutes of Internal Auditing (ECIIA) and EUROSAI project.

The subsequent presentations focused on cooperation between internal and external audit, presenting different perspectives on how these units interact in Eastern European countries.

In the next part of the meeting, participants were divided into two groups according to the units they represented. External auditors had the opportunity to attend presentations on global and regional trends concerning the independence of Supreme Audit Institutions, illustrated with concrete examples from the 2023 INTOSAI report. External auditors also raised concerns regarding current situations in which the independence of Supreme Audit Institutions is being undermined. IDI representatives focused on the proactive role of the organization in supporting Supreme Audit Institutions and presented the SIRAM mechanism, implemented by EUROSAI to address these issues with a view to resolving them.

The meeting concluded with round-table discussions involving representatives of internal and external audit units from the participating countries. The discussions focused on the functioning of institutional interaction and cooperation between Supreme Audit Institutions and Internal Audit Units. Through the exchange of best practices and key achievements in this area, participants discussed prospects for further development, strengthening communication channels and taking concrete steps to promote this cooperation.

ALSAI was represented at the meeting by Ms. Joana Troqe, auditor in the State Budget Audit Department.